



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 20

LCO No. 783

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 38a-490b of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

3 Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the
4 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
5 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in
6 this state [on or after October 1, 2001,] shall provide coverage for
7 hearing aids for (1) children twelve years of age or younger, and (2)
8 persons who have reached fifty-five years of age but have not reached
9 sixty-five years of age. Such hearing aids shall be considered durable
10 medical equipment under the policy and the policy may limit the
11 hearing aid benefit to one thousand dollars within a twenty-four-
12 month period.

13 Sec. 2. Section 38a-516b of the general statutes is repealed and the
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

15 Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type
 16 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469
 17 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this
 18 state [on or after October 1, 2001,] shall provide coverage for hearing
 19 aids for (1) children twelve years of age or younger, and (2) persons
 20 who have reached fifty-five years of age but have not reached sixty-
 21 five years of age. Such hearing aids shall be considered durable
 22 medical equipment under the policy and the policy may limit the
 23 hearing aid benefit to one thousand dollars within a twenty-four-
 24 month period.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	38a-490b
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	38a-516b

Statement of Purpose:

To require insurance coverage for hearing aids for persons who have reached fifty-five years of age but have not reached sixty-five years of age.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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